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Cont. the operation of the drive unit by rotating the rotatable part 2. The opening and the starting of the vehicle can therefore take place conventionally at any time.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 13, 17 and 18 as follows:

(A copy of the marked-up version of the amended claims are attached to this Reply).

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13. (Amended) A method for operating a vehicle in which access authorization is determined via a dialogue between a control device fixed in the vehicle and an authorization verification device carried by a user, said authorization verification device also enabling a starting of the vehicle drive unit, wherein the control device interrogates said authorization verification device for the purpose of starting the vehicle drive unit separately and independently of the dialogue for establishing access authorization.

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17. (Amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein if an interrogation is unsuccessful after the start of the operation of the vehicle drive unit, the method mechanically unlocks a memory fixed in the control unit of the vehicle to provide an access authorization code.

18. (Amended) The method according to claim 16, wherein if an interrogation is unsuccessful after the start of the operation of the vehicle drive unit, the method mechanically unlocks a memory fixed in the control unit of the vehicle to provide an access authorization code.